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Penelope Mayhew gives Santa Claus a big hug Tuesday after jolly old Saint Nick handed out presents to a Grade 1 class at St. Alphonsus School. The class was given gifts, thanks to an initiative by Packers Plus to give every student the presents on their Christmas list. Story, page 8. LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO

Party defections 'blindside' Wildrose

Crossing the floor.

Leader Danielle Smith one of several MLAs expected to jump ship and join the PCs



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The Wildrose's vice-president of fundraising said he expects to lose several MLAs to the governing Tories, including party leader Danielle Smith.

Jeff Callaway, a former candidate and past Wildrose Party president, said several MLAs — Smith representing Highwood, Rob Anderson representing Airdrie and Jason Hale from Strathmore-Brooks — all intend to leave the party.

Sources familiar with the situation told Metro that Jeff Wilson from Calgary-Shaw and Gary Bikman from Cardston-Taber-Warner also attended a Tuesday afternoon meeting where the jump was

from Medicine Hat is also rumoured to be another of the floor-crossers.

Late Tuesday, Pat Stier from Livingstone-Macleod, who was rumoured to be leaving the party, said on his website: "I shall NOT be joining several of my colleagues who have decided to suddenly join the Progressive Conservative Caucus.

Callaway said the party turmoil has come as a complete shock to Wildrose members.

"I think when you have the leader of the party cross the floor it's a bit of a blindside," he said.

Callaway said despite discussion about this being a possible merger, the Wildrose won't be going anywhere.

"The (executive committee) is united, I would venture to say unanimous, in not exploring or having any discussions on a merger," he said.

Callaway said he fully expects several MLAs to stay and several more are still making up their mind.

Cypress-Medicine Hat MLA Drew Barnes skipped Tuesday's meeting, because he said he has no interest in joining the governing party.

"I have refrained from being involved in that caucus meeting and the reasons are I'm not going to join the PC party," he said.

In addition to Barnes, Rick Strankman from Drumheller-Stettler said he would be staying put and Callaway said he was confident Calgary Fish Creek MLA Heather Forsyth was committed to the party.

Barnes said 440,000 people voted Wildrose in the last election and he doubts very much any of them would want to see their MLAs take this step.

"I think it's important that we continue to do our job in opposition," he said.

Barnes said he was first contacted Saturday evening about the possible merger and he backed away immedi-

This is when I was called and declined to enter into any discussions," he said.





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Morinville

New school planned

Morinville parents say they're remaining cautiously optimistic after Education Minister Gordon Dirks approved planning dollars for a new public school in the community.

After four years of advocacy, parent Marjorie Kirsop said there's no guarantee the much-needed school will be built. "The schools that receive planning dollars do not automatically get guaranteed a new school," she said. "From my understanding, once they plan it and then they submit their proposal, the government will look over all of these various reports and determine who will get construction dollars."

Kirsop said the community is in the same position as other school divisions who were promised new schools in October when Premier Jim Prentice and Dirks announced funding for 55 facilities.

"For us, this is good news. It's a step in the right direction. We feel we're one step closer to receiving the announcement we wanted," she said.

According to a release from Sturgeon School Division, the student population in the area far exceeds the capacity of the Morinville public school, a former Catholic school which was converted into a public facility.

If granted the funds, the new school would serve students in grades 5 to 9, with the possibility to expand to grades 10 to 12.

Currently, students either attend the community's Catholic schools or bus out of town.

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LRT signal work delaying opening

Metro Line.

NAIT students will believe the line is open when it's open



STEPHANIE DUBOIS stephanie dubois@metroney

The Metro Line LRT project is delayed once again, according to city officials, who say it could be February before the city receives the go-ahead from the private signalling company.

Thales Group — the signalling contractor on the Metro Line — was supposed to hand over the project to the city on Dec. 31, but city officials say that won't be happening.

"We're still waiting for Thales to get us their scheduling to tell us their remaining testing to do. As you can see over the last couple of months, we have done everything we can to support the test program Thales is undertaking," said Wayne Mandryk, LRT design and construction manager.

"We still anticipate an opening in 2015, but at this time we can't expect an exact date until we get more information from Thales."

City officials added that February was the scheduled opening date but that will be pushed back until the city gets a firm date on when they can take over.

Thales Group officials did not return Metro's calls Tuesday

day.

NAIT student representatives say another delay of the line that would service their students is just unacceptable.

"Our position remains exactly the same. I think our students are at the same point as last time. When it opens, that's when we'll believe it's opening," said Jason Roth, advocacy director with the NAIT Student Association.

"We're disappointed but eventually it will open and it'll be great."

At a glance

- This delay is one of several with the project, which Thales Group officials told Metro back in October was due primarily to merging the old and the new LRT systems.
- Once the city is handed the project from Thales Group, it's four to six weeks until the LRT would open.
- City officials aren't sure of the revenue impact of the delay but are considering penalties for the delays.



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Parents fight to save dayhome

Auntie Lee's. Limited options for childcare in Alberta serious issue, a parent says



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South Edmonton parents are fighting to save a local dayhome faced with closing, claiming safe and reliable childcare options in the city are slim.

Kelly Fowler considers Auntie Lee's dayhome a part of her growing family, even opting to plan her pregnancy around the care facility's three-year waiting list.

"They're an integral part of our family," said Fowler.

With one son already enrolled in the program, Fowler said she's willing to fight for the care centre to stay open even though its license is set to expire in January.

According to daycare owner Lee Stachniak, the facility's innovative childcare license was granted in 2012 by former Minister of Human Services Dave Hancock.

Since then, Stachniak said she's worked to meet the requirements needed to care for the 14 children enrolled in her program.

Despite her efforts, Stachniak said she was notified in November that she needed to invest upwards of \$40,000 into her childcare space, which is attached to her home, to ensure proper safety and fire compliance.

With just a few weeks

before her license expires, Stachniak said it's nearly impossible without an extension.

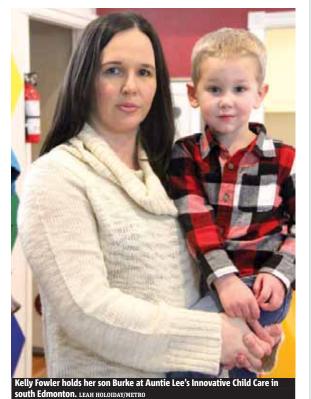
"We can meet the intents of the code and that's what we really want to do," said Stachniak, adding meeting the actual code would mean steel doors and a special firerated wall.

Zoe Cooper, Human Services spokeswoman, said the government is aware of the issue and confirmed the license does expire in January.

"If (the provider) is not compliant with the municipal fire and safety codes, then we'll work closely with families to find alternate childcare arrangements in a licensed or approved program," she said.

For Fowler, the dilemma faced by Stachniak is indicative to the growing problem of childcare space in the province.

"We as parents, we've all educated ourselves and this is the choice we've made. We think it's the safest, most loving place for our children and this is where we want them to be "she said



ETS Live to Go

New app start of digital transit tools

The city officially released its ETS Live to Go smart-phone app Tuesday, but this isn't its first attempt in making transit services digital.

A plan to digitize transit was in the works a few years ago, according to Lorna Stewart, director of innovation and customer experience. It had a digital bus pass option which allowed people to show their phone to a bus operator with a revolving photo to represent their bus pass. But the plans ended up folding

Tuesday's released app is much more basic, however, as the city continues to flesh out plans for a move to a commercial, off-theshelf product when it comes to further app building for transportation services. Stewart said there's already been talks of relying on Google Maps Transit instead of the city building its own trip planner for an app or for further improvements to its website. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

Children's safety

"For us, above everything else is the safety of the children. We cannot put the kids in any dangerous situation so we gave her some time to rectify those issues and that's not been done in the time her licence existed." Zoe Cooper, Human Services Spokeswoman

Resilience fest to be part of city's winter events



Rogers Place, climate change and political shakeups were all motivators for the organizers of one of Edmonton's newest festivals.

The Edmonton Resilience Festival will join some of the city's existing winter festivals on Feb. 7 and 8 as one that focuses on restoring "a sense of community that is often lost in cities experiencing rapid development and population growth," reads its website.

"We need that connection

piece and we need neighbours to meet neighbours. Edmonton is designed to be cold and a little isolating," said organizer Danielle Hiscock. "It's (Edmonton) urban, it's big, everyone is inside for 180 days so the name came around the celebration of live in Edmonton."

Workshops like outdoor survival skills, the Community Connections Fair showcasing businesses promoting healthy development of the community and movie screenings all help to make up the festival that's a combination of what makes Edmonton great, which includes the winter season, according to organizers.

"The reason we chose to have it in February is ... let's start connecting in the winter when times are tough, it's cold ... and let's encourage people to get out in the winter," said Hiscock.

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Wildrose Party

Grassroots upset over potential floor crossings

The party's former leader and grassroots members are outraged about the possible defections from the Wildrose

Former party leader Paul Hinman said he's deeply disappointed in the potential crossings and can't understand why people would leave the Wildrose now.

'I think that they're suffering from the worst case of dome diseases in the history of the province," he said.

Hinman said the party is going to carry on without these MLAs, even if they include Smith.

This isn't the will of the executive and this isn't the will of the members," he said. "This is the will of a few politically ambitious individuals.

Cory Morgan, an active member of the party, who ran for the Wildrose in 2012, was equally disappointed.

"I see blatant opportunism to be honest," he said.

"I think they fear for their jobs. They see the polling numbers going down, they see the donor numbers going

Morgan agreed the party isn't going anywhere.

"We have over 21,000 members. This party is far from dead," he said.

Reports have indicated that the Tories have offered specific policy changes to attract the Wildrose MLAs into the party.

Morgan said that without a determined opposition those promises won't be

worth anything.
"We know darn well the (PC) party will slide right back to where they were before," Morgan said.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO IN EDMONTON



looking to leave the party and join the governing Conservatives.

Floor crossings weaken debate

Smaller opposition.

Less accountability if more Wildrose members cross the floor, expert says



RYAN TUMILTY

Opposition voices will be hard to come by in the Alberta legislature if rumoured floor crossings become a reality, according to an expert on provincial politics.

Bob Murray, an adjunct professor of political science at the University of Alberta, said it's not surprising to see Wildrose members shifting

"Especially under Jim Prentice, the parties are no longer all that different," he said.

Murray said the Wildrose has been an effective opposition, in part, because it has had the numbers and resour-

"That's the biggest damage that happens here. Where you no longer have a functioning opposition," he said.

After riding high in the polls and with donors for most of 2014, the party has taken a slide since losing four October byelections.

One of those contests was decided by just over 300 votes and Murray said if it had gone

"There's a large percentage of the population that didn't vote for this Conservative government and they have a right to have their voices heard in the legislature."

NDP leader Rachel Notley

the other way it's unlikely Albertans would see these floor crossings.

"It would have been a vote of confidence in Danielle Smith's leadership," he said.

NDP Leader Rachel Notley said if the defections take place the legislature will have to give the remaining opposition a larger say.

"There's a large percentage of the population that didn't vote for this Conservative government and they have a right to have their voices heard in the legislature," she said.

Liberal Leader Raj Sherman said his party would be a better official opposition, because it would focus on solutions and not just government failures.

"If the Wildrose is no longer official opposition it means instead of focusing on scandals we can focus on policy," Sherman said.



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Uber drivers will take to Edmonton's streets on Thursday, but they won't be picking up any people.

The ride-share app is partnering with Goodwill Industries and its drivers will be available to pick up clothing donations

and take them to the charity.

Company spokesman Xavier Van Chau said anyone who wants to make a donation between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. can use the service for free, instead of driving the donation to Goodwill.

"People who have the app or download the app can open it up and we will have some vehicles in circulation and it's just going to be a free driving collection," he said.

He said they're hoping to support the charity, but also gauge interest in their service.

The goal here is to work with Goodwill to support their effort, but I think it is also to see in the market how many are interested in Uber," he said.

hadn't officially launched in Edmonton, but has recruited drivers and met with

Chau said Uber isn't just about picking up passengers and events like this showcase its versatility. "The platform can serve many different purposes," he said. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO



Clothing donations. Uber partners with Goodwill Christmas comes early for students in central Edmonton

St. Alphonsus School.

Local company Packers Plus make's first graders' wishlist come true



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Christmas came a few days early for a group of Grade 1 students in central Edmonton Tuesday, after a visitor in a big red suit surprised them with a sack full of gifts.

The classroom of 38 first graders at St. Alphonsus School had sent written letters earlier this year with all their Christmas wishes and, thanks to help from employees at Packers Plus, gifts and letters were handed out to the group just in time for the holidays.

April McLachlan, a planner with Packers Plus who helped co-ordinate the presents, said she was inspired to give back to a local elementary after years of



donating with her family.

"The idea came about because my family and I have been involved in Secret Santa projects for quite a few years," said McLachlan, decked out in a elf attire Tuesday.

"It's pretty amazing. I remember what it's like at that age and being all excited and knowing that he was watching

and I had to be really good. It's really nice to see them reading the letters and knowing he's keeping an eye on them.'

The students' teacher, Brittany Aker, said it was a really special day for the students.

"This is something they're going to remember for the rest of their life," Aker said. "This is

Gifts ranged from dollhouses to Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and were handed out with a special letter to the students from the company's "Santas."





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'Closure.' Give mom Silver **Cross for her son: Petition**

The mother of a Canadian soldier who was sent a one-penny government cheque after her son killed himself following a tour of duty in Afghanistan deserves a Memorial Cross, supporters say in a new petition.

They say it is unfair for military authorities to refuse to award Denise Stark the medal often called the Silver Cross - for what they see as the service-related loss of Cpl. Justin Stark, 22, who was a reserve soldier who served a seven month deployment to Afghanistan.

In October 2011, 10 months after his return to Canada, he killed himself at the John Weir Foote Armouries in Hamilton.

"It would be a sense of a closure, which we don't have, knowing that Justin's service would be recognized - a recognition that I feel is long overdue," Stark told The Canadian Press Tuesday.

"It's time for the government to step up and just do the right thing.

The petition calls on Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Defence Minister Rob Nicholson, and Veterans Affairs Minister Julian Fantino to intervene in



what they call the "gross injustices" perpetrated on the family.

A board of inquiry concluded in March that his tour in Afghanistan did not cause post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), which contributed to his suicide.

"It seems to us that any investigating body could not have determined one way or another that his death was or wasn't attributable to his military service," the petition states.

Stark and her husband Wayne stressed there would be no financial gain in getting the recognition they want.

"Ås a military mom I know first-hand the struggles of what PTSD has on a person and my heart hurts for how little help is really out there," she said on the petition. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Better representation

Canada wants more women on bills: Survey

The results of a new online survey suggest many Canadians would like to see women better represented on bank notes.

The Bank of Canada poll asked for input on how bills could best reflect the country — the top responses included more gender equality and a better celebration of women.

The questionnaire comes after women's groups criticized the central bank for removing the Famous Five on the \$50 note in the most recent series of bills. The website for an online petition protesting the omission says it has gathered more than 52,000 signatures from people concerned about the shortage of women on bank-note designs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Luka Rocco Magnotta

Jury ends first day without a verdict

The jury at Luka Rocco Magnotta's murder trial ended its first day of deliberations without a verdict.

Magnotta is charged with first-degree murder and four other charges in the slaying of Chinese engineering student Jun Lin in May 2012.

The jurors officially began their work Tuesday to return five unanimous verdicts in the case, and will resume their deliberations Wednesday.

Magnotta has pleaded not guilty by way of mental disorder and is seeking to be found not criminally responsible. THE CANADIAN PRESS

at ground zero of the deadly train derailment and explosion that killed 47 people in July 2013 is back in business. The Musi-Café quietly opened its doors to the public Monday in a new location, about 400 metres from the original site. Musi-Café reopens near old location

Lac-Mégantic.

Restaurant located near the site of the Quebec train disaster is open for business once again

The restaurant-bar at ground zero of the deadly train derailment and explosion that killed 47 people in Quebec in July 2013 is back in business.

The Musi-Café quietly opened its doors to the public in Lac-Mégantic on Monday, about 400 metres from the original site.

Owner Yannick Gagne said only three of his original employees have returned to work with him at his new establishment.

"One of them is my chef, a

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friend," he told The Canadian Press in a phone interview.

"I have a girl who worked for me for three or four years she's coming back — and one of my good friends, Karine Blanchette, will handle all the artists who will come here."

At the time of the disaster, Blanchette told reporters two children were left orphans after one of her friends died in the tragedy.

Many of the 47 victims were inside the Musi-Café when a runaway oil-tanker train rolled off the tracks and exploded in the heart of the

Gagne lost three workers in the blast and about a dozen have decided not to come back to work with him.

He now has a staff of about 20, which is five more employees than before.

Gagne also said that on

Monday, not a lot of people showed up during the morning and that there was also a small crowd at lunch.

He added he believes the locals probably assumed the new place would be crowded.

Gagne, who had financing problems in the past, said the new restaurant-bar will cost \$1.5 million when all the bills are finally paid.

But he is getting financial

help.
"We have had confirmation that the federal government will be there to help us,"

"The provincial government has provided a loan, a financial bridge (and) we'll be able to finish the project and pay everybody."

Gagne is planning an official "red carpet and champagne" opening in February.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Medical pot. Feds lose bid to limit growing at home

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The Conservative government has lost its latest attempt to prevent medical marijuana users from growing pot at home, with the Federal Court of Appeal upholding an injunction that exempted patients from a massive overhaul of the system.

New rules were introduced this year prohibiting homegrowing and instead shifted production to commercial operations, but a group of patients is challenging that regime in a case expected to be heard in 2015.

A Federal Court judge issued an injunction in the spring allowing authorized patients to continue to grow and possess marijuana until their case is resolved. The government appealed, but the Appeal Court unanimously upheld the injunction on Monday.

As of last year, nearly 38,000 Canadians had received authorization under the old system; most chose to grow their own marijuana rather than buy it from the federal government. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Taliban attack on Pakistani school kills 141 people, mostly children

Peshawar. Deadly attack at military-run school being claimed by a group called Tehreek-e-Taliban

Taliban gunmen stormed a military-run school in the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar on Tuesday, killing at least 141 people, mostly children, before Pakistani officials declared a military operation to clear the school over.

The overwhelming majority of the victims were students at the school, which instructs grades 1 to 10. Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif condemned the assault and rushed to Peshawar to show his support for the victims.

As darkness fell on the area, officials said they had cleared the school of militants.

A Pakistani military spokes-



man, Asim Bajwa, said 141 people died in the attack — 132 children and nine staff members. He declared the operation over and said the

area had been cleared. An additional 121 students and three staff members were wounded.

He said seven attackers, all wearing explosives vests,

all died in the assault. It was not immediately clear if the militants were all killed by the soldiers or whether they blew themselves up, he said. Bajwa described an assault that seemed designed purely to terrorize the children rather than take anyone hostage to further the militant group's aims.

the militant group's aims.

"Their sole purpose, it seems, was to kill those innocent kids," he said.

The attack, claimed by the Tehreek-e-Taliban, a Pakistani militant group trying to overthrow the government, sent dozens of wounded flooding into local hospitals as terrified parents searched for their children.

In a phone call to reporters, Taliban spokesman Mohammed Khurasani claimed responsibility for the attack, saying the suicide bombers carried it out to avenge the killings of Taliban members at the hands of Pakistani authorities.

Peshawar has been the target of frequent militant attacks in the past but has seen a relative lull recently.

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'Heartbroken

Malala mourns victims of deadly attack

Malala Yousafzai says she is "heartbroken" about the attack on a school in Pakistan that has claimed more than 125 lives, including many students.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner said in a statement Tuesday that "innocent children in their school have no place in horror such as this," adding that she and millions of others "mourn these children."

Malala said she stands "united" with the government and armed forces of Pakistan in their response to the attack.

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System failed to 'adequately' monitor gunman: Aussie PM

Australia's prime minister acknowledged Wednesday that the nation's security system failed to keep track of a gunman responsible for a deadly siege at a Sydney cafe, and promised a transparent investigation into why the man was not on any terror watch list despite having a criminal history.

Man Haron Monis, a 50-yearold Iranian-born, self-styled cleric described by Prime Minister Tony Abbott as deeply disturbed, took 17 people hostage inside a downtown Sydney cafe on Monday. Sixteen hours later, the siege ended when police rushed in to free the captives. Two hostages were killed along with Monis.

"The system did not adequately deal with this individual," Abbott conceded on Wednesday. "Two very decent people are dead, others are injured, others are traumatized because of a madman who was roaming our streets."

Monis was convicted and sentenced last year to 300 hours of community service for sending what a judge called "grossly offensive" letters to families of soldiers killed in Afghanistan between 2007 and 2009. He later was charged with being an accessory to the murder of his ex-wife. Earlier this year, he was charged with the 2002 sexual assault of a woman. He had been out on bail.

Just three days before Monis began his deadly rampage, Australia's highest court refused to hear his appeal against his convictions for sending the letters. The next day, a shotgun-wielding Monis walked into the cafe.

Abbott said the government would publish a report on how

the siege unfolded, why Monis was not on the nation's terrorism watch list, and how he obtained a shotgun in a country with strict gun ownership laws.

"We want to know why he wasn't being monitored given his history of violence, his history of mental instability and his history of infatuation with extremism," Abbott said.

New South Wales state police Commissioner Andrew Scipione said police had asked that Monis not be granted bail, but the court ruled otherwise.

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More privacy for app users: Commissioner

Data market.

Developers gather personal data more valuable than sales



On Tuesday, Canada's privacy commissioner added his voice to a growing chorus asking mobile app stores to highlight how developers use data collected from customers.

Federal privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien was among 23 signatories to an open letter sent to seven app marketplaces, including Google Play and the Apple App Store. The letter urged merchants to make it mandatory for developers that sell apps in their stores to include links to their privacy policies.

"Links to privacy policies on the app marketplace appear to be optional, but we



think developers that collect personal information should be required to provide a link," Therrien said in a release. "Without this information, it's difficult for individuals to provide meaningful consent."

A recent study by Therrien's office found 85 per cent of mobile apps failed to explain adequately how they collect, use and share data collected from users.

"Developers are asking for information they have no real business accessing," said Christopher Parsons, a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Toronto's Citizen Lab. "If a flashlight app is asking to read your SMS messages, that's a step too far."

According to Parsons, many app developers participate in a "grey market" of personal information.

"The value is not in selling apps," he said. "The value is in collecting information about individuals and then turning around and selling it to third parties."

Requiring developers to include privacy plans along-side their apps "is a step in the right direction," Parsons said, but many policies are written in "boilerplate legalese," meaning even if they're available, many consumers won't be able to interpret them.

"What commissioners could do is say that if you're going to develop a privacy policy ... you should be providing a simple, accessible version of what you're doing," he said



Angry lawsuit to go ahead

Artist Juli Adams poses in her home and studio in Seattle in this Aug. 5 file photo, with one of her original drawings that a line of plush pet toys called "Angry Birds" was based on, and a copy of her licensing agreement with the Hartz Mountain Corporation. A U.S. federal judge has refused to dismiss her lawsuit, which argues Adams was cheated out of millions of dollars when the company that sold her line of Angry Birds toys reached a deal with the Finnish company that makes the insanely popular video game of the same name.

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Crowdsourcing sparks startups

There was \$1.3 million raised for high-fidelity wireless speakers, almost \$1.2 million for specialty drones and \$820,000 for smart-bikes.

In 2014, three tiny Canadian companies went from teetering in obscurity to making headlines on tech blogs around the world thanks to successful crowdfunding campaigns that spurred exponential growth almost overnight.

Once the domain of hobbyists and tinkerers, crowdfunding is increasingly becoming a growth strategy for real — but still small — companies with big ideas.

Mass Fidelity, headquartered just east of Toronto, turned to Indiegogo earlier this year. The company sought about \$55,000 to help get its Core wireless speaker system from the prototype stage into production.

To the Core team's astonishment, the modest crowdfunding campaign raised more than 25 times what the company was originally seeking, eventually surpassing \$1.3 million.

"It literally has changed our company. We're going to accelerate our growth in a manner that we couldn't have possibly



Mass Fidelity turned to Indiegogo to finance production of its Core wireless speaker.

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managed. We're going to be somewhere in 12 months that we were probably going to be in 36 months," said co-founder Neil D'Souza.

The second most successful crowdfunding campaign in Canada this year was for the PlexiDrone, targeted at photographers and videographers, which raised \$1.17 million after setting a goal of about \$115,000.

The third most successful Canadian campaign was for the Vanhawks Valour smartbike, which offers riders turnby-turn navigation, blind spot detection technology, and digital tracking of trips. More than \$820,000 was raised to get the bike into production.

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Google trouble

Google News Spain shuts down

Google News in Spain shut down Tuesday in reaction to a Spanish law requiring news publishers to receive payment for content even if they are willing to give it away.

The company's Spanish Google News page, normally full of aggregated news content, vanished and was replaced by a message saying Google was "incredibly sad" to announce the closure plus a lockout of Spanish publishers from its more than 70 other Google News sites around the world. The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sony hack

Hackers threaten moviegoers

Hackers calling themselves Guardians of Peace made ominous threats Tuesday against movie theatres showing Sony Pictures' film The Interview, urging people to leave their homes if located near theatres showing the film.

The Interview is a comedy in which two television journalists become involved in a CIA plot to assassinate North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Apple wins antitrust lawsuit

A U.S. District Court jury in California found in favour of Apple on Tuesday in a billion-dollar class-action lawsuit over the price of its iPod music players.

The jury rejected claims that Apple's use of restrictive software amounted to anticompetitive behaviour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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VOICES

SELFIES IN A TIME OF TRAGEDY

It's a predictable scenario: A tragic situation occurs, such as this week's hostage crisis in Sydney. Someone takes a selfie. Public outrage follows. But as Metro's Andrew Fifield writes, our discomfort with the selfie in times of trouble may have more to do with us than it does with some inherent moral failure of those who take the images



Events such as this week's tragedy in a Sydney café unfold in a depressingly familiar way.

Reports trickle out that something awful may be happening, but details are scarce, so we turn to social media for witnesses and those affected to fill in the gaps.

That's when the disaster selfies inevitably appear.

Some of the selfie snappers flash radiant smiles. Some of them look sufficiently solemn. All of them are criticized for making a mockery of tragedy, and that criticism is often off the mark.

Much of that criticism takes root in a misunderstanding that many, primarily older, people have about the selfie's relatively recent rise, namely that it's an inherently vain and narcissistic act.

That's absurd. Selfies are snapped for a laundry list of reasons: sharing a new shirt with friends, a wry reaction to the news, a quick self-esteem boost or a self-deprecating gag. And, yes, sometimes ego.

Whatever the reasons behind their creation, selfies have diffused into our alwayschanging culture. And many people are more comfortable

accepting a stereotype of a selfabsorbed generation with few goals outside of serial frivolity than they are with accepting that culture dares a shift without checking in with them

The former camp is home to the loudest voices condemning disaster selfies. If one already holds a view that selfies are little more than a selfadministered ego stroke, that sticks to the image itself. The preconceived notions of the person viewing it colour the motivations of the person who took it.

Strip away the emotion and what you have are witnesses capturing an event unfolding before their eyes. By putting themselves in the frame, they're providing an index. They're documenting their lives, just as they always doexcept this time, their lives overlap with a painful public event and when an information-starved media outlet picks it up, they're condemned for seeking a level of attention they never asked for.

Of course, there is a conversation to be had about taste, and rebukes aimed at more gleeful subjects are wellearned. And of course, some disaster selfie subjects may one day feel ashamed. Some of them may apologize. A few of

them may even mean it.

But the instant anger and its accompanying judgment of the photographer's intention are unfair and can promote the harm critics say they're trying to prevent.

Consider this: Every autumn, a certain generation devotes a chunk of November to mourning the loss of an assassinated U.S. president. Within that chunk is much misty reminiscence about where they were, who they were with, how they reacted ... even what they were wearing. The vast majority of them were nowhere near the shots. They're inserting themselves into the event.

Sound familiar? People vividly illustrating scenes of public trauma while putting themselves in the frame? The biggest difference is they're relying on memory — the only ubiquitous documentary tool available at the time.

It's a selfie without the technology.

Are those people simply relaying their views of history, as witnessed? Or are they representative of an irreparably narcissistic generation clinging to dwindling shreds of an era when culture put them front and centre?

There could be a lot to learn by answering that question.













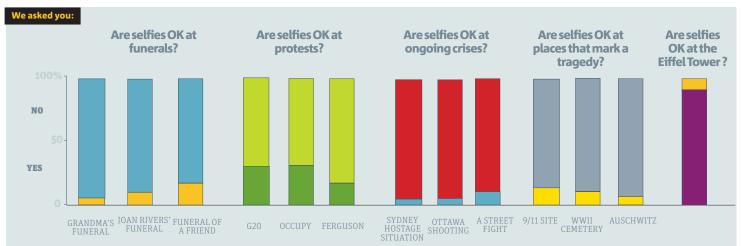
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This is mine. My face is in it, see? In the lawless world of the Internet, selfies might be the only way to ensure others don't take credit for your images.

Photos posted online instantly become public property, even when photographers do their best to protect them. As a newspaper editor, I have seen watermarks skilfully removed, copyrighted images intentionally and unintentionally shared, and been in arguments over who receives credit for an image. Selfies remind me of sharing my childhood dinner table with two brothers. If you wanted a specific cut of meat, you had to lick it. This was considered so gross it ended all arguments and the meat became yours. Selfies have that same kind of influence. Hate them all you want, but selfies are the new digital signature.



Controversial selfies

- A woman made the front page of the New York Post last year for taking a selfie with a suicidal man being rescued from the Brooklyn Bridge behind her.
- A TV news reporter was fired for asking Anderson Cooper for a selfie at the scene of the Ottawa cenotaph shooting in October.
- Not even Obama is safe. He received scorn for posing for a selfie with the Danish and U.K. PMs at Nelson Mandela's funeral.

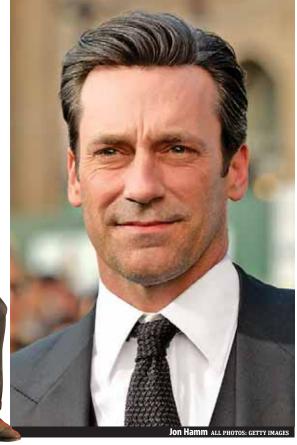


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Amy's near-tears apology leaked by Sony staff

With more leaked emails hitting the web every day, it should come as no surprise that Sony chief Amy Pascal gathered her employees this week at the studio's Culver City, Calif. lot to address the ongoing hacking scandal.

And it also shouldn't come as a surprise that we know about the apology because someone snuck out audio of it.

"It devastates me that something I did or said in a second would hurt any one of you and for that I am profoundly sorry," a "near tears" Pascal told staffers during a pair of meetings Monday, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

At least one employee seemed mollified, telling the trade, "Amy made what sounded like a serious apology."



Fantasy franchise feminism fracas!

Looking for someone to take issue with Harry Potter star Emma Watson's UN address about feminism?

Well, Game of Thrones star Maisie Williams is happy to serve. The 17-year-old tells the Guardian

that she's impatient with such "firstworld feminism" and is looking to

"A lot of what Emma Watson spoke about, I just think, 'That doesn't bother me,'" Williams says.

"I know things aren't perfect for women in the U.K. and in America, but there are women in the rest of the world who have it far worse.'

Your move, Hermione.

Maisie Williams

Mad man's no Superman: Jon snubs superhero gigs

With the glut of comic book movies coming out of the Marvel and DC universes - with extensive releases already slated through 2020 — it's kind of surprising that lanternjawed, deep-voiced Mad Men star Jon Hamm hasn't donned some tights by now. Well, it turns out it has not been for lack of trying on the studios' parts. Hamm tells the Radio Times that he's

"been in contention for quite a few" superhero films over the last few years, but has passed on them all.

The deals that they make (actors) do are so Draconian," Hamm explains. "And of course you are signed on for not only the movie that you are signed on for ... but at least two more that you haven't read and you have no idea what they are going to be and

ones you are going to have to do."

OK, fine. But now at least we can have fun speculating which roles he turned down. And no fair saying "all of them." Let's get creative



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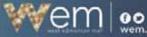
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Hobbit actors by the props they keep

Movies. Martin Freeman bagged Bilbo ears as The Hobbit trilogy wrapped



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The release of The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies brings Peter Jackson's trilogy to a close, and marks the end of a life immersed in Middle Earth for the actors. For several of the cast, it was a yearslong journey, and like any trip it's nice to pick up a souvenir as a keepsake.

According to director Peter Jackson, the actor who played the exiled dwarf king Thorin stole "the most boring thing in the world to steal," from the set of the penultimate film, The Desolation of Smaug: socks.

"I did steal every single pair of costume socks," said Richard Armitage, "because we were given a brand new



pair every day."

As production on The Battle of the Five Armies wrapped, Armitage was gifted with some more interesting props including the deadly goblin cleaver Örcrist, which he keeps in an umbrella stand, "cause I want to be stand, able to pick it up."

Martin Freeman, who plays head Hobbit Bilbo Baggins, says he doesn't miss making the films - "I'm really proud to have done it," he says, "and I'm really glad to have done it, but I rarely miss jobs" - but kept his sword and prosthetic ears as mementos.

Unlike Freeman, Sir Ian McKellen does get sentimental when he reflects on making the movies because, "a lot of the audience seeing The Hob-

bit Part Three wouldn't have been born when we started filming it." After spending 13 years playing wise wizard Gandalf the Grey, he took two priceless props from the "Gandalf's staff, which I keep with umbrellas and walking sticks, and Gandalf's hat, which I keep in the basement.'

Many actors have pilfered props from their movies. Keira Knightley walked off with Elizabeth Bennet's striped socks from Pride & Prejudice. Elijah Wood has the One Ring from Lord of the Rings and Daniel Radcliffe liberated two pairs of Harry Potter's famous round glasses, even though there was a strict policy about taking props from the set.

'The ones from the first film are absolutely tiny now," he says, "but they are very sweet.

Kristen Stewart kept the engagement ring Édward Cullen gave her at the end of Twilight: Eclipse, and Zachary Quinto took the ears he wore as Spock in Star Trek: Into Darkness, but the strangest cinematic souvenir may belong to Mark Wahlberg.
The Academy Award

nominee kept the prosthetic penis he wore as Dirk Diggler in Boogie Nights. "I used to keep it in my desk drawer," he said, "and I'd take it out and slap my friends in the face with it. I don't keep many things from my movies, but that just seemed to have personal significance.

Director. Peter Jackson

Stars. Benedict Cumberbatch, Richard Armitage

Peter Jackson's wraps up the Hobbit trilogy with a cluttered film short on story, but long on action scenes. Greedy dragon Smaug (Benedict Cumberbatch) is dispatched, but now an epic battle between Dwarf king Thorin Oakenshield (Richard Armitage), the Orcs and every other army in the area will decide the fate of Middle Earth. Heroes and villains abound, and while there isn't quite enough actual story to justify the two-hour-and-20-minute running time, the battle between good and evil is so primal, so elemental, you can't help but get involved



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Film awards



Boyhood takes three top prizes

Richard Linklater's coming-of-age epic Boyhood has won three top prizes from the Toronto Film Critics Association, including best picture.

In addition, director Richard Linklater won best director and Golden Globe nominee Patricia Arquette won best supporting actress.

In other categories, Marion Cotillard won best actress for The Immigrant, Tom Hardy took best actor for Locke, J.K. Simmons was named best supporting actor for his spirited performance in Whiplash, and Wes Anderson's The Grand Budapest Hotel won best screenplay. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Saying good night to the Museum tour

Movies. For Ben Stiller, The Secret of the Tomb is his last of the franchise



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The third film in the Ben Stiller-starring Night at the Museum series, The Secret of the Tomb, has been billed as its final instalment. But given the success of the family-friendly franchise, isn't it a bit hasty to just call it like that? "I don't know. I mean, I'm pretty sure it is (the end) for me," Stiller says. "And that was one of the things going into it, by allowing it to be that, it allowed us to tell this story, which I think is my character sort of saying goodbye."

Of course, Stiller is savvy enough to know never to say never in Hollywood. "You never know these days with reboots and number fours," he jokes. "Maybe Edward Norton will show up in the next one. As the Hulk or something. It's one of those things where, I



don't know, I won't say never, but it felt to me like that's what made sense to me at this time."

For the new instalment, Stiller and crew went to London's British Museum for filming, which was a treat in and of itself. "They had to be OK with what we were doing there because they'd never let anyone film there before," he says. "We didn't go to any

special rooms or anything like that, but the Hall of Enlightenment there is pretty amazing. We basically got to spend a few nights there. The Rosetta Stone for me was the big thing that I was impressed with. That was our start mark — like, 'OK, let's go again, take two, back to the Rosetta Stone.' I even tweeted out a picture of me and Robin (Williams) standing next to it. Just

the coolest thing ever."

And maybe this really is the end of the franchise, because Stiller has already taken home a keepsake. "I took the tablet home when we wrapped the movie. So I'm keeping my fingers crossed that something might happen," he says of the enchanted prop. "We'll see what happens, if anything comes to life in my house at night. I'm going to keep it in

Reality Bites turns 20

Speaking of sequels, has Stiller ever entertained the idea of revisiting the world of Reality Bites, his first film as a director that recently turned 20 years old? Well, not exactly.

- "We actually talked about possibly doing a TV series, but we didn't end up doing it," Stiller reveals.
- "I think it's probably for the best that we didn't do it, but it was an interesting idea to revisit it. I don't know if I would do a sequel to it. It would be kind of weird."

our little guest house. I have another cool memento from a movie, which are Tom Cruise's arms from Tropic Thunder, the Les Grossman arms? They're super-cool, these crazy, hairy arms with a crushed Diet Coke can in them. So maybe, who knows, the tablet might bring the arms to life at night."





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Che's son offers revolutionary tour

Cuba. Hop on a Harley and write your own Motorcyclé Diaries with this trip hosted by Ernesto Guevara

The youngest son of Cuban revolutionary Che Guevara has opened an agency offering twowheel tours of the Caribbean island nation on Harley-Davidsons, in a nod to his father's passion for motorcycles.

Marxist guerrilla's motorbike journey The storied through South America was immortalized in the 2004 film Motorcycle Diaries, directed by Brazil's Walter Salles and starring Mexican actor Gael Garcia Bernal. The trip, spanning from December 1951 to July 1952, took the 23-year-old revolutionary through Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Peru and Venezuela.

Ernesto Guevara Now, wants to honour his father's famous ride by giving visitors to Cuba a unique trip through the country on Harley-Davidson motorcycles.



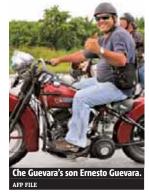
Prices start at \$3,000 US per person and go up to \$5,800 US for six- or nine-day trips. Airline costs are not included.

Itineraries give visitors a glimpse of "the varied landscapes of this beautiful island," while also offering "intimate contact with a part of the history of a unique revolution," according to the website of La Poderosa Tours, run by 49-year-old Ernesto, who is also a lawyer.

The company promises a luxury visit, including stays at five-star hotels and a visit to Che's mausoleum.

"We will make your trip a unique experience, an unpersonally take care of every detail during your journey," the website says.

The company's name comes from Che's own moniker for the British Norton 500 motorbike he rode through South America with Argentine companion Alberto Granado. That trip left a strong impression on



the young guerrilla, who was preparing to graduate from medical school at the time.

The tour company goes to lengths to emphasize its revolutionary roots. One of the guides is Camilo Sanchez - son of Cuban guerrilla Antonio Sanchez Diaz, also known as "Marcos" - a fighter killed during a 1967

The tour also includes a visit to Che's base in colonial Havana and a trip to Santa Clara, a city 270 kilometers (168 miles) east of Havana that was the site of a key 1958 battle. AFP





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Not just for spring break **Cancun.** Destination

offers something for foodies, volunteers and adventure-seekers

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Cancun, which attracts more than 11 million visitors each year, is well-known for its party scene and nightlife.

But it's much more than "spring break" destination, said Jesus Almaguer, CEO of the Cancun Convention and Visitors Bureau. Indeed, it's emerging as a destination for foodies, volunteers and adventure seekers.

"(Visitors) don't just want great beaches ... they also want amazing food," he said.

It should be noted, however, that Cancun has three 'Blue Flag"

beaches, meaning they meet criteria for water quality, security and infrastructure.

The area offers four AAA Diamond award-winning restaurants, including Le Chique in Azul Sensatori, which recently received the award for the first time, and top eateries that focus on world cuisine and even Yucatecan fare - an ode to destination's cultural roots

Almaguer recommends La Habichuela Sunset for Yucatecan fare, Taco Queto in Holbox for some of the best local street food, and Las Nubes Hotel in Isla Holbox for tamarind margaritas and freshly caught ceviche. To taste Mexico's wines, head to the underground cellar in Xcaret.

Voluntourism is another big trend, and Cancun offers a variety of community programs for those who want to volunteer while on vacation. Tour operator Travel Future, for example, has several voluntour op-tions, from making

- · Cancun has only been in existence since 1970.
- Cancun is a Mayan word that means "nest of serpents."
- More whale sharks gather in Cancun than any other place in the
- Cancun's waters are home to part of the Mesoamerican Reef, the second largest reef in the world after the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.
- Cancun's sand is made from crushed coral and is cool to the touch, so you won't burn your feet.

piñatas with intellectually disadvantaged youth to releasing sea turtle hatchlings into the sea.

More visitors are looking to get off the resort these days.

"Many visitors are now planning trips to Isla Mujeres to experience a laid-back Caribbean island or to Puerto Morelos to explore the small fishing village and taste the freshly caught seafood it is known for," Almaguer said. "Also, Isla Holbox is becoming a romantic getaway for couples who want to get away from it all and spend alone time with incredible island views

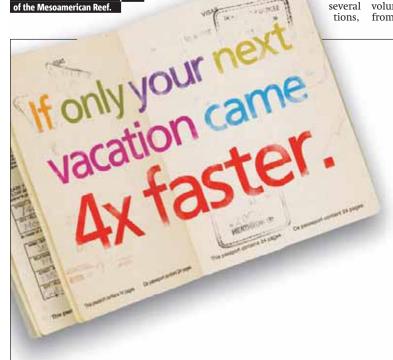
Isla Holbox is a small island about two hours north of Cancun, home to several boutique hotels (you won't find a hotel with more than 40 rooms), sand-paved roads, and a laid-back Caribbean vibe - there are no cars here, only golf carts and bikes. Holbox is also known for its calm waters (ideal for windsurfing) and the annual whale shark migration

in its waters. Adventure-seekers can swim with whale sharks, the largest species of fish in the world.

'These fish are the size of a school bus, yet are not aggressive and only feed on plankton," Almaguer said.









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Dessert or host gift.

Peanut Butter Rum Balls



1. In a large bowl, combine the icing sugar, cookie crumbs, butter, coconut, peanuts, peanut butter, sugar and rum until well blended.

2. Shape mix into 3/4-inch (2 cm) balls and roll in granulated sugar, sprinkles or chopped almonds. Place in airtight container lined with waxed paper and refrigerate. EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups (625 ml) icing sugar2 cups (500 ml) chocolate cookie
- 1 cup (250 ml) butter, softened
- 1 cup (250 ml) flaked coconut
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) finely chopped peanuts
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) smooth natural peanut butter
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) granulated sugar
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) rum
- Granulated sugar, sprinkles and chopped almonds, to garnish

When tradition trumps trends

Christmas Shortbread.

The quintessential holiday cookie comes together quickly and can be personalized



DINNER EXPRESS Emily Richards food@metronews.c

I make this very simple shortbread each year and have done different things with it. I have added vanilla extract, dried lavender, crystallized ginger, grated orange rind, coloured sugar and even dipped it in chocolate. No matter what I do with it, it still is a family favourite.

1. In a stand mixer or large

Ingredients

- 2 cups (500 ml) butter, very soft but not melted
- 1 cup (250 ml) icing sugar
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) vanilla extract
- 4 cups (1 l) all purpose flour



bowl using hand mixer, beat butter until it looks white and very fluffy. Beat in icing sugar and vanilla. Beat in 1 cup (250 ml) of flour at a time until it becomes very stiff and then using hands bring the dough together and knead slightly to make

smooth dough.

2. Divide dough in half and roll out on floured surface to desired thickness (I like mine a bit thicker) and using your favourite cookie cutters cut out shapes and place on parchment

paper-lined baking sheets. Repeat with remaining dough and continue to re-roll the dough until you use it up.

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3. Bake at 375 F (190 C) for about 12 minutes or until edges are just a hint of golden brown.





"Last year was my first Christmas in [foster] care

and it was so hard having to lose all the traditions I used to have. It hurt. Like waking up, and not being sure what to do. Last Christmas, I never felt so alone."

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Please, Buy a Kid Some Time with a counsellor this holiday season.



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My boss caught me Buellering



Dear Metro,
I recently called in sick to
work so I could catch up on
errands. Then, while I was
out doing some afternoon
shopping, I saw my boss
walking on the other side of
the road. There's no way to
confirm she saw me, but the
vibe has been weird since. I'm
worried that I broke her trust,
but I also don't want to make
things worse by bringing it
up. How can I clear the air?
— Remorseful Truant

Dear RT

Your boss' reaction will probably depend on your track record. First-time Ferris Buellers won't rouse suspicion — after all, an employee who is legitim-

ately too ill to work could still be well enough to run errands. But if you've left enough fauxsniffly voicemails to teach Flu Faking 101, your boss has likely been onto you for a while.

At this point, don't dig deeper into your ploy. You've told one lie — telling more (e.g. loudly and theatrically complaining about how you "still feel weak") won't help. Chances are your boss has feigned phlegm at some point in her career, and will forgive once-inablue-moon hooky. However, if your offence is symptomatic of more viral professional deceit, it might be time for a dishonesty detox. Work hard, and on't call in sick again until you're actually coughing.

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Presents for every point in the professional pursuit

Career. Need gift ideas for the job-seeker in your life? Consider the many stages of the hunt

MICHELLE SAMMUT

Students, young professionals and life-long employees alike are building their career stories. This year, give gifts that will help them realize their potential.

The goal-setting stage

Every journey has to start somewhere, and a career path is no exception. Goalsetting can be helpful to those starting their job hunt: The technique can help guide professional aspirations and inspire tangible actions.

A great gift for someone at this stage of the job hunt would be a leather-bound notebook — perfect for pinning down goals and map-

ping out action plans. Look for a notebook that can easily fit into the pocket of a briefcase, handbag or backpack. Having your goals on hand can be a great reminder of all that you hope to achieve.

The networking stage

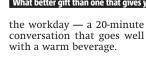
When you're looking for meaningful work, networking is a smart way to get cracking.

Informational interviews are a useful networking opportunity for anyone looking gain valuable insight into a possible career path, field or employer.

These meetings give a job-seeker an opportunity to explore different options, build professional relationships and ask career-related questions to someone working in their area of interest.

One gift idea for someone in the networking stage would be a coffee shop gift card

Informational interviews are meant to be quick, casual meetings scheduled during



The interview stage Landing an interview is a major achievement, and feeling prepared for the big day can play a big part in eventual success.

A great gift idea for someone at this stage of the job hunt? A tablet.

Regardless of industry, employer or job level, making a good impression in an interview is at the top of everyone's wish list. A tablet is an innovative and memorable way to showcase who you are, what you've done and what you're capable of.

Creative job? Load your digital portfolio onto your device for easy presentation.

Results-driven industry? Use visuals (like graphs or charts) to demonstrate your achievements.

So long as the information being presented is relevant to the conversation, using a tablet can help to support your points.

The new job stage

Whether someone has been at a job for a few days or a few months, being set for success is key.

 One idea? A portable battery charger can be a much-needed confidence boost for someone who is always on the go. Relying on mobile devices is part of the modern job hunt, and with one of these on hand, you can access all the resources you need (directions, contact info, urgent emails) no matter their battery life.

A sleek business card holder can enhance a jobseeker's personal image. Having a safe, secure place to keep business cards can help to ensure they're always prepared to network, whether at a formal event or an impromptu meeting.



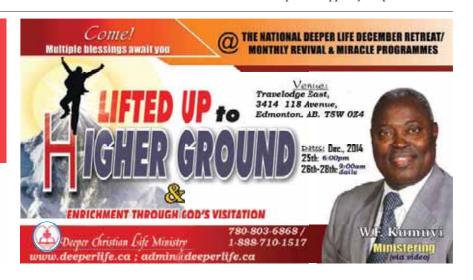
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Leafs roast Ducks in the 3rd period

Phil Kessel scored two of Toronto's four third-period goals as the Maple Leafs beat the Anaheim Ducks 6-2 for their sixth straight win Tuesday night.

Goalie Jonathan Bernier was instrumental in Toronto snapping the Ducks' eight-game win streak and handing them their first loss in eight games this month. Anaheim outshot the Leafs 42-27.

David Booth and Nazem Kadri also scored for Toronto in the third period, while Tyler Bozak and Joffrey Lupul also scored.

Sami Vatanen and Ryan Kesler had goals for the Ducks, who still sport an impressive 11-4-2 road record. THE CANADIAN PRESS

All-star game fan vote

Latvian love helps Girgensons maintain lead

Latvia is in love with Buffalo Sabres forward Zemgus Girgensons, who remains the runaway leader in the NHL all-star game fan vote.

The second-year player had nearly 1.1 million votes Tuesday. That's nearly double the total of each of the next two forwards: Chicago's Patrick Kane (586,310) and Jonathan Toews (573,198).

Girgensons' total is more than half the two million population of his native Latvia, from where the NHL says he's attracted more than 80 per cent of his votes.

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'Like it or not, you need to be patient'

Eakins' parting words.

Fired coach urges Oilers fans to stick by team a little longer as it tries to build a winner

Outgoing Edmonton Oilers head coach Dallas Eakins preached a refrain that has become all too familiar for fans of the struggling NHL team

"Like it or not, you need to be patient," he said.

Eakins met with reporters Tuesday, a day after he was fired by general manager Craig MacTavish with the last-place club mired in a deep slump. MacTavish will take over on a transitional basis before handing the reins to interim coach Todd Nelson, who becomes the team's fifth head coach in seven years.

Eakins said he could "speak freely now," but he didn't convey even a hint of bitterness over his half-hour availability. Instead, he sounded like someone who was still with the organization.

The former coach said that, given time, he's confident Nelson and MacTavish will turn things around.

"I understand being out of the playoffs for a long time, but the situation is the situation," Eakins said. "It's kind of like losing all your money. You don't get all your money back the next day.

"You have to start working again and working at it."

The Oilers took a 7-19-5 record into Tuesday night's



Good luck, new guy

Interim head coach Todd Nelson spent five seasons at Oklahoma City and guided the American Hockey League affiliate to a 15-6-2-2 record this season.

• "I think Nelly's going to

game at Arizona. Edmonton is on track to miss the playoffs for the ninth consecutive year.

"The fans of this organization: You've suffered greatly," Eakins said. bring in a great, fresh approach," fired coach Dallas Eakins said. "He's an excellent coach. He's fully deserving of this opportunity and he's going to get great support here with the staff."

"But I'm going to tell you, you need to be patient. That's the way it goes. You need to be patient and if anybody's going to find a solution, it's going to be Craig MacTavish.

I know that for sure.

"His commitment to this organization, his pain that he goes through every day, looking, trying to make this organization better. He will get it done. He will; I know he will."

MacTavish has served as GM for less than two years. Nelson, meanwhile, inherits a team that has dropped 15 of 16 games entering play against the Coyotes.

Eakins, who enjoyed AHL coaching success before joining Edmonton in June 2013, guided the Oilers to a 29-44-9 record last season.

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Former WADA chair

Panel 'not there to whitewash anything': Pound

Former World Anti-Doping Agency chairman Dick Pound vowed exemption Tuesday as he leads an investigation into allegations of systematic doping in Russia.

"We're there to get the facts," said Pound. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

League Cup

Chelsea beats Derby County to reach semis

Chelsea swept into the semifinals of the English League Cup on Tuesday, goals by Eden Hazard, Filipe Luis and Andre Schuerrle in a 3-1 win at a second-tier Derby County, managed by former England coach Steve McClaren. The ASSOCIATED PRESS



Arsenal legend

Henry retires at 37

Former Arsenal and France striker Thierry Henry announced his retirement on Tuesday, ending a 20-year career in which he earned a place in the pantheon of modern greats.

The 37-year-old Henry was a member of the France teams that won the 1998 World Cup and 2000 European Championship.

Blue Jays

Morrow leaves for Padres: Report

Brandon Morrow formalized his departure from Toronto on Tuesday, reportedly signing an incentive-laden, one-year deal with the San Diego Padres.

Morrow spent five years in Toronto, marked initially by promise, but eventually derailed by injury. Torstar News Service

A-Rod moved off hot corner

Yankees. GM Cashman hopes vet becomes a 'tremendous DH'

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman says Alex Rodriguez's days as an everyday fielder are over. At best, he hopes A-Rod will be New York's full-time designated hitter.

Cashman confirmed Tuesday that Chase Headley will be the Yankees' starting third baseman after he and the team agreed to a \$52 million, four-year contract this week.

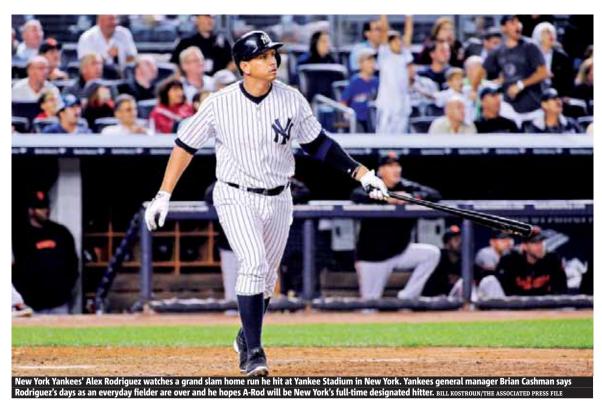
Coming off a season-long suspension for violations of baseball's drug agreement and labour contract, Rodriguez will be relegated to a DH role in manager Joe Girardi's lineup. Cashman said the three-time MVP will have to compete with Martin Prado for time as Headley's backup at third.

"I can't expect Alex to be anything," Cashman said during a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "I've got to think the worst and hope for the best. Even before the suspension, he wasn't the same player at third base on the defensive or offensive side. And that was before the suspension.

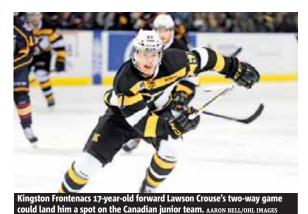
"And now he's been out of the game for a year. He's approaching 40 years of age. And just to automatically assume given his circumstances that he'll be able to plug right in, play third as an everyday guy and hold up and be productive, I think that would be dangerous thinking from my perspective, in the seat I'm sitting in."

Rodriguez turns 40 in July and has not played a full season since 2007 because of leg injuries, operations on both hips and the suspension.

"So given all that circumstance, we look forward to him hopefully solidifying himself as a tremendous DH for us, and if he shows he has retained athleticism, then he can play third as a choice when Joe decides to give Headley a rest," Cashman said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Young Crouse's balance could suit Team Canada



Lawson Crouse looks around the ice and knows he's in unfamiliar territory. The youngest player in Canada's world junior camp hasn't skated alongside many of these teammates before because he's only 17.

But on an older team that will feature more than a dozen 19-year-olds, Crouse is part of the youth contingent that must factor in for Canada to live up to expectations as the favourite on home ice. Aside from projected No. 1 pick Connor McDavid, Crouse is the only other 2015 NHL draft-

Quoted

"He's physically strong for 17 years old, skates well, plays with poise, and we like what he brings to the table." Canadian junior team head coach Benoit Groulx on Lawson Crouse

eligible player at camp but isn't intimidated by that.

"It's a different experience for myself, but I think I'm making the most of it right now," Crouse said. "Being a bigger body kind of helps. I'm bigger out there, so I kind of have a little bit more of an advantage to the smaller guys."

Crouse, who is six-footfour and 211 pounds, brings a strong two-way game that could land him a solid spot on the 22-man roster. While this Canadian lineup is long on pure skill and speed, Crouse prides himself on his defensive game.

"I've figured out that it's not always about offence, but you have to manage both sides of the game," the Mount Brydges, Ont., native said Tuesday. "I'm obviously not going to be the guy that puts up 100 points. I'm going to do what I can and contribute all over the ice."

Last spring Crouse led Canada's under-18 summer team to gold at the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Cup by scoring a team-high six goals. Crouse also scored the game-winner to help Canada win bronze at the U-18 world championships in April.

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2015 Toyota Camry Hybrid

- Type. Four-door, fivepassenger midsize sedan
- Engine. 2.5-litre four-cylinder with electric motor (156 hp gas only, 200 gas/electric combined)
- Transmission. CVT, (continuously variable)
- Price. \$28,410 base, \$34,500 as tested

Market position

While the Prius lineup has expanded with a wagon, plug-in and subcompact models, the Camry remains focused on buyers who prefer their hybrids to look and feel more like conventional cars

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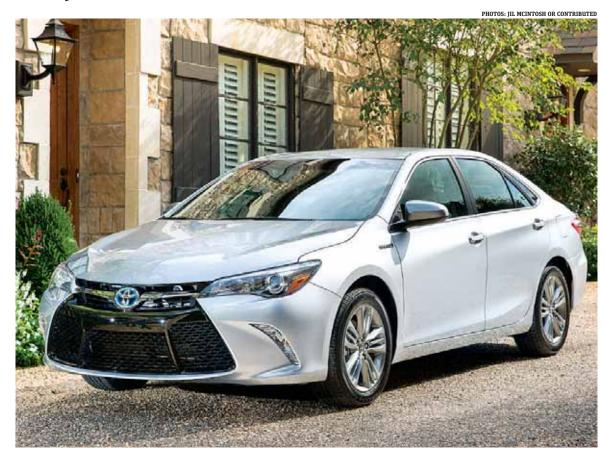
- In the top XLE trim, the hybrid costs more than the gas-powered four-cylinder XLE, but slightly below the six-cylinder model.
- All trims include Bluetooth, rearview camera, dual-zone automatic climate control, automatic headlamps, and a power driver's seat.
 Selectable Eco mode re-
- Selectable Eco mode reduces power and climate control to boost fuel efficiency.



Interesting features

Low-speed electric-only driving mode, standard rearview camera, available text-to-speech capabilities, blind-spot monitor, cross-traffic alert, and wireless phone charging.

Hybrid a handsome handler



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1 Kia Optima Hybrid Base price: \$30,095 The stylish Optima uses a conventional six-speed transmission instead of a CVT for sportier driving performance.



2Ford Fusion Hybrid Base price:\$28,699 In its plug-in hybrid version, the Fusion's fuel use is as low as 2.7 I /100 km.



3Honda Accord Hybrid Base price: \$31,773 A roomy, comfy model that costs more than the Camry but has better fuel efficiency.

Review. Updated styling, interior and suspension help Camry look and drive better than previous model

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Once considered so exotic that you could almost stop traffic by driving one, gaselectric hybrids are now commonplace. And while cars like Toyota's Prius still scream, "I'm a hybrid!" there are now many conventional-looking versions, including the Camry Hybrid.

Both the Camry and Camry

Hybrid have been extensively updated for 2015, with new interior and exterior styling that is a considerable improvement on the previous bland design, plus tweaks to the suspension for better ride and handling.

The Camry Hybrid uses a 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine that's mated to an electric motor and an automatic, continuously variable transmission (CVT) that contains belts and pulleys instead of gears.

The system seamlessly switches between gasolineonly operation, electric-only, or a combination of the two, depending on what's needed at the time.

And you don't plug it in. Instead, the battery recharges by



capturing the energy generated when you're slowing down.

When you come to a stop, the gasoline engine shuts off, so you're not using fuel or creating emissions while waiting for the light to change. Don't worry: The climate control, stereo, lights, and other essentials stay on.

The Camry Hybrid comes in three trim lines, starting with the LE at \$28,410 and going up to my top-line tester, the XLE, at \$34,500. That's \$3,710 more than the conventional four-cylinder XLE, and as with any hybrid, it will take a while to

make up the difference in fuel savings. Combined ratings for the four-cylinder Camry are $8.4\ L/100$, while the hybrid is rated at 5.9.

Overall, the Camry's improvements are impressive: It drives better, with quicker steering response. And while the hybrid's ride is a little harsher than its gas sibling, it's still comfortable.

The interior is roomy (although the battery chews up some of the trunk space), and the XLE throws in such upscale features as navigation, heated leather seats, and a blind-spot monitor.

If you want hybrid performance with traditional looks and features, this one's a must on the test-drive list.



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Graphene, microbes and buckyballs fuel the future

Autopilot. Scientists are working overtime to find innovative and renewable alternate fuels for our vehicles



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The people with big brains and lab coats are busier than ever, exploring some pretty freaky territory.

Let's take a look at three notable areas of exploration, each of which could apply to the automobile and transportation scene.

Super-thin graphene

About 10 years ago, scientists discovered a new form of carbon graphite, which they called graphene.

It is the world's thinnest known material — exactly one atom thick. It's also 200 times stronger than steel and the world's best conductor of electricity. A recent study published in the journal Nature speculated that a membrane made of graphene could be used to isolate protons (by their nature, electrically charged) from the hydrogen available in air.

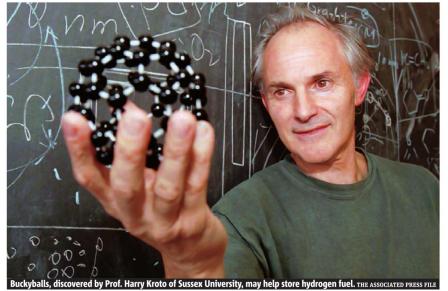
A fuel-cell vehicle could then be electrically driven, as all fuel-cell vehicles are, but without the cumbersome part of storing hydrogen on board or requiring a complex refuelling infrastructure system.

Industrious microbes

Cloning ourselves or bringing back woolly mammoths and Neanderthals are just two of the fun things we might be able to do with further advances in genome mapping and manipulation.

But George Church, one of world's top genome experts, is particularly pumped about modifying microbes to create transportation fuel.

Microbes have already demonstrated that they are able to convert wasted carbon dioxide into usable fuels, but Church wants to



modify them so they are super good at it, and easily replicated, so the conversion could be done on a grand and economical scale.

"Making new petroleum should be as simple and straightforward as brewing beer," he told The Economist Technology Quarterly.

Super-tough boron buckyballs

Buckyball is the nickname for a very interesting structure called buckminsterfullerene — a tiny molecular structure made up of 60 carbon atoms arranged in pentagons and hexagons.

It was so named because the architect, Richard Buckminster Fuller, used these shapes for his famous domes, like the one he created for Expo '67 in Montreal. First discovered in 1985, the carbon buckyballs excited scientists, because they are hollow inside, super stable on the outside, and very tiny.

Last summer, researchers built the first ever buckyball made entirely of boron molecules.

Unlike their carbon counterparts, the boron buckyballs like to react with each other and other things.

This means they can be connected in chains and would bond with hydrogen, which had the researchers speculating they might one day be used to store hydrogen.

Hydrogen is tough to store because it is so light. It needs to be kept under pressure and condensed to be of any use as a transportation fuel, and that takes energy and a bulky infrastructure.

Here's hoping something incorporating boron buckyballs becomes the fascinating alternative — both for the triumph of science and for letting us say "boron buckyballs" out loud.

It's just more fun.





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Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

Jaguar trademarks the name EV-Type

Jaguar may be working on an electrified vehicle destined to be called the EV-Type, suggests auto news website Motor Authority. The company recently registered the name EV-Type with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as well as in Europe. The registration was filed "for usage on motor land vehicles, among other applications." Jaguar hasn't confirmed plans for an electrified vehicle, but did come close to launching a plug-in hybrid supercar based on the C-X75 concept from 2010. Although never slated for production, Jaguar has said the concept's technology would be used in future.

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Jaguar has been experimenting with the idea of an electric car since this C-X75 concept.

Portable EV charger safer than it looks

Your first impression of the Electric Vehicle Autonomous Renewable Charger (EV ARC) from Envision Solar of San Diego, Calif., is that the self-contained EV charging and energy-storage system might be prone to high winds. But it can withstand gusts up to 190 km/h, the company says, in part because of its 5,000-kilogram weight. So, although it is portable, it needs a truck to move it and sturdy hoists to load and unload it.



Shift points

- Ford is collaborating with Wind Energy Corp. to bring a new source of clean energy to four of its Dearborn, Mich. dealerships. Wind Energy will install wind sail and solar panel systems that will power buildings, EV charging stations and lot lighting.
- California governor Jerry Brown recently signed six new bills intended to encourage electric-car use through a combination of incentives and measures to make ownership easier. The legislation also grants solo drivers of plug-in electric cars access to the state's carpool lanes.





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Auto fashion. Supermodel joins F1 champions as Mercedes launches AMG GT and fashion campaign

Supermodel Dree Hemingway is the new face of Mercedes-Benz, along with F1 drivers Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg. The trio will front the Mercedes 2015 fashion campaign, which highlights the automaker's sponsorship of fashion weeks in Paris, London, Milan, Beijing, Moscow and Berlin.

Outfitted by Hugo Boss, Hemingway, Hamilton and Rosberg were shot by photographer Collier Schorr next to the Mercedes C111 and the new Mercedes-AMG GT.

The C111 is a well-known prototype developed in the 1970s, while the AMG GT is a two-person sports coupe with a new 4.0-litre V8 twin-turbo engine.

Premiered at this year's Paris auto show, the GT boasts 462 horsepower in the standard edition, while the GT S version offers up to 510 hp, enabling a top speed of 310 km/h and zero-to100-km/h acceleration of 3.8 seconds.

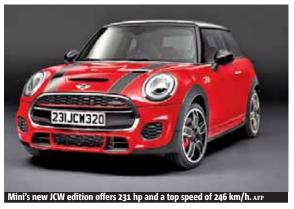
With the campaign, Mercedes celebrates not only its fashion sponsorship but also



its F1 pilots, who led the German manufacturer to its first World Championship victory in 2014. Hamilton claimed the title, coming in just ahead of team member Rosberg.

The two drivers share the spotlight in the campaign with Hemingway, who is writer Ernest Hemingway's greatgranddaughter. Since 2010, the supermodel has posed for several fashion houses, including Paco Rabanne, Jean Paul Gaultier, Chanel, Lanvin and Givenchy. AFP

For a YouTube video of the Mercedes-Benz fashion shoot, go to youtube/



Debut. New Mini JCW is the most powerful ever

The new John Cooper Works edition of the Mini manages to up the power and performance without compromising on creature comforts.

The JCW edition has been a staple of the Mini lineup for more than a decade and the latest version is the most powerful production Mini ever. Îts 2-litre, four-cylinder turbocharged engine offers 231 hp, a top speed of 246 km/h.

It's easy to make a small, front-wheel drive car go fast in a straight line, but the Mini has always been about go-kart-like handling, hugging bends and manoeuvrability.

Unlike a lot of hot hatchbacks, the Mini's interior hasn't been stripped back to cut weight or give a sporty feel. It does get special seats, a smaller, multi-function steering wheel and stainless steel pedals. But it also gets all of the refinements of the standard car.

The JCW will be available next spring. AFP



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1998 to 2014 Volkswagen Beetle

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When Volkswagen relaunched its much-loved Beetle in the late 1990s, the new car practically flew off dealer lots.

All units were two-door models, in either coupe or cabriolet versions. The car was updated in 2012, with revised styling, a wider, longer and lower body and a more upscale cabin.

Used-car shoppers should look for features such as a power sunroof, fog lamps, leather interior, upgraded audio, Bluetooth and automatic climate control.

Common Issues

In any used Beetle, start with a check of all power windows and door locks, the controls for each, and ensuring proper functionality of the remote keyfobs. Windows that don't work at all, or seem to be binding or straining, are likely suffering from a mechanical failure of the regulator inside the door.

Difficulty changing the temperature of the climate control system is likely caused by a failed 'blend door', which will require repair. Also confirm proper operation of the fuel door release latch.

The 2.0-L turbo may suffer from faulty coil-packs in the ignition system, which can cause rough idle, hesitation or a checkengine light. If performance isn't smooth and refined at moderate or full throttle, have the engine checked by a mechanic.

Some owners have reported issues with the DSG transmission, stemming from the computer that controls this dualclutch gearbox.

Opting for a TDI? Poor performance, excessive noise, smoke or hesitation could be a sign of engine trouble. Ask your mechanic to check for fuel leaks, and to examine the condition of the turbocharger system, fuel pump and lift-pump.

Problems seem fairly infrequent with the 2.5-litre engine.



What owners like

Styling, exclusivity, a sense of community, and generous headroom thanks to the domeshaped body. On many models, especially those with TDI engines, the fuel mileage is highly praised. Performance is strong on models with turbocharged gas engines.

What owners dislike

Typical complaints focus on a plasticky cabin on older models, a small rear seat, a sometimesclumsy DSG gearbox, and an overly soft sus-

pension on some models.

Engines

Beetles came with gas or diesel power and manual, automatic or direct-shift gearbox (DSG) transmissions. Many older models will pack VW's 2.5-L five-cylinder gas engine, while sportier models got the 2.0T. A four-cylinder turbodiesel engine powered TDI models.

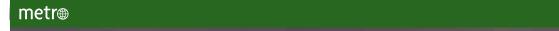
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Keep the suggested checks in mind and ask your mechanic for a prepurchase inspection for maximum peace of mind.

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The verdict





Hit The Road Owning a vehicle today requires many different relationships to keep the wheels turning. Whether you're looking to have your vehicle serviced or are considering something new check in with the following sources when making your next automotive decision.









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T Aries

March 21 - April 20

You have the gift of the gab and can get just about anyone to do just about anything for you. Try not to abuse the situation or you may have some uncomfortable questions to answer later.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

Try not to be too open about what you think today or you may let slip something that could be used against you.

Il Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Someone will try to persuade you to part with some of your cash today. Turn them down. Just because they've had a good idea does not mean you have to finance it.

Gancer

June 22 - July 23

You seem to be in one of your upbeat moods, but the planets warn you could be a bit too optimistic for your own good. Remember, if you start a new task you must see it through.

€ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

You won't be short of advice from loved ones today but you don't need it. You know what you need and you know where to find it, so ignore everyone else and follow your instincts.

M Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It's a long time since you have felt this good and you should make the most of it. If you have a creative talent, now is the time to get serious about it.

📤 Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Be wary of those who offer you something for nothing. They may not want a payment for it now but it will give them lots of leverage later on when they want something from you.

M Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

If you have something on your mind, let others know. Yes, you may make more of it than you should but that is preferable to pretending everything is OK.

7 Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You're in a mood when the thought of failure does not enter your head and because of that you could succeed beyond your expectations — or fall flat.

17 Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

As Mercury moves into your birth sign today you are advised to put a name to your dreams. If there is something you desire now is as good a time as any to be open about it.

⋄ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Your imaginative powers are at their height. Over the next 24 hours, don't dismiss an idea because it sounds crazy.

H Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

Anyone who dares to disagree

with you today is going to wish they had kept their opinions to themselves. You are in no mood for criticism, not even from those whose input you value. You know what you are doing.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

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- 1. Festival of Lights 9. Canadian boots company
- 15. Somewhat: 3 wds. 16. Mid-size sedan
- by Kia 17. Classic
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- 19. Classic coat 20. Mr. Johnson
- aeneris
- (Unique, in Latin) 22. Celtic language 26. The 'L' of The
- Wonderful Wizard of Oz author L. Frank Baum's name
- 28. Tricks 29. Run by the other
- runner again 31. Immortal flower,
- to a poet 33. Entrap
- 34. Decorative perfume bottle
- 35. Climbing wall plant's 'grasper'
- 37. Gets the snow off the walkway 41. PEI's provincial
- tree: 2 wds.
- 43. Ms. Couric 44. Giant polar bear of Inuit folklore
- 47. Take to be true 48. Grad
- 49. Mr. Welles 51. Bathroom basin 52. Natalie Cole's
- father 53. Christmas carol: "The Holly and the
- Canadian band, Timber 58. Endearing 63. Status early in a baseball inning: 2
- 54. Rug of Scandi-56. "Grand Canyon"

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- 65. 1998 Winter Olympics city in Japan 66. 'Historic Fort Town on the St. Lawrence River' in
- Ontario Down

64. Guards

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- 1. Mafia killing
- 2. Singer Ms. DiFranco 3. '60/'70s war zone, informally

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- 4. Expend
- 5. Sort of seaweed 6. Positions oneself to say "Will you marry
- me?" 7. Analyze
- 8. Fellows 9. Saskatchewan town near the Montana border
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- 12. Guitar manufac-

- 13. Quantity 14. Dapper
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- poet
- 23. Ms. Russo 24. Bridge
- 25. Man's musical membrane? 27. Prefix that means
- 'Bad' 28. Solicit campaign
- votes
- 30. More dry 32. Chess pieces
- 34. Like that stuff used in baked goods 36. "That sounds
- marvelous, sign me up!": 3 wds.
- 38. Decorative case
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- 42. "A Woman's Worth" singer ...her
- initials-sharers 44. Town of southern
- Alberta 45. Vancouver-born
- actress Ms. Huffman
- 46. Eggnog ingredient 47. Unspecified
- individual
- 50. Command 53. Lady Antebellum's
- to You" 55. Fine things
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